

Roles of the Transportation Stakeholders Group Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan Update

What is the Transportation Stakeholders Group?

- The Transportation Stakeholders Group (TSG) is a review body that will be consulted to provide technical and policy input into the plan update.
- Individuals selected to serve on the TSG represent a range of transportation modes, public and private sector users and transporters, and geographic regions. The diverse industry and interest group perspectives ensure full discussion of issues and needs.
- The TSG will receive briefings and detailed information to allow discussion based on facts.
- The TSG will provide a sounding board for ideas and strategies to solve transportation problems.
- TSG input is important and can affect the plan update.

What is the role of the participant in the TSG?

- Attend periodic meetings (three anticipated: April 20th, summer, and early fall 2007) to understand the full breadth of the issues and problems to be solved.
- Provide input on statewide issues and trends that should be considered in the long-range planning process.
- Be an active listener—listening to other TSG members and project team members.
- Ask lots of questions to gain an understanding of statewide conditions, needs, and solutions.
- Represent the broad concerns of your transportation mode, industry, or area and share ideas based on that knowledge and experience.
- Discuss the project with colleagues and share insights from these conversations with the project team.

Who is the project team?

- The project team is lead by the DOT&PF, Division of Program Development, and the Department's planning offices in each region.
- Dye Management Group, HDR Alaska, and Cambridge Systematics comprise the DOT&PF consultant team.

What is the role of the project team in the TSG?

- Inform the TSG about the plan update process.
- Provide information to the TSG about existing conditions and statewide needs. Provide data to support informed discussion.
- Give timely notice of meetings and distribution of documents.
- Answer questions.

Why convene a TSG?

- The project benefits from the broader experience and vision of the participants.
- Diverse perspectives and knowledge enhance the Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan.
- The plan recommendations receive wider acceptance when more voices are involved.
- Input from statewide users and providers are a prerequisite for wise spending of taxpayer dollars.

How will TSG recommendations be reflected in the plan update?

- The goal of the TSG will be to discuss issues and information and help develop problem-solving strategies.
- TSG meetings will be documented and meeting notes will become a part of the plan update's permanent record.

Who will make the final decisions?

- The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities will make the final decisions on the policies and direction contained in the Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan.
- The Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan will be adopted by the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities.